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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. 28th February: BS&L is having their biennial GatherRING, RING stands for “Return, Innovate, Network, Grow”. The overall intent of the event is to unite past, present, and future members of our department, and enable us to enjoy an evening of fellowship and socializing. As part of the event, we will also be awarding BG(R) Tom Kolditz (former head of BS&L from 2001-2012) with our department’s distinguished faculty award.

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. 30th -31st January: Mrs. Indra Nooyi visited West Point for the first time this semester in her role as the '51 Chair. On 30 January, she joined MAJ Bogardus's PL300: Military Leadership lesson on Resilience and MAJ Steinlage's MG421: Strategy lesson on the external environment of a company and offered cadets crucial insights into both subject areas. She also spoke to the BS&L faculty about how she developed a diverse and inclusive leadership development environment at PepsiCo during her time as CEO. Mrs. Nooyi also brought Mr. Brad Jakeman, an industry-leading marketing expert, to speak to a combined group of MG380: Marketing cadets.

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1. On February 11, the Spanish section will host the Spanish Ambassador to the US. The visit will include an office call with the Superintendent followed by a Dean’s Hour lecture to Cadets in Spanish courses.
2. LTC Annmarie Ruppert and 17 Cadets will travel to Quebec City, Canada from February 14-17 for a Francophone cultural trip with the French Forum.
3. On March 17, the Spanish section will host Brigadier General Álvaro Vicente Pérez Durán, Director of *Escuela Militar de Cadetes General José María Córdova* (Colombian Military Academy). The visit aims to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two

militaries that will include a meeting with the Dean, BG Cindy Jebb, as well as interaction with the Admissions Office and SHARP representatives.

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1. Cadets and officers in the German section attended the annual Quadrille Ball in New York City on February 1. The Ball is a fundraiser for the Germanistic Society, which awards scholarships for student exchanges between the United States and Germany. CPT Casey Moyer, Cadet Jason Brodeur, and LTC Christian Klein (German Liaison Officer) represented the German section at the event.
2. COL Eugene Gregory along with Dr. Thomas Sherlock from the Department of Social Sciences served as panelists, discussing China-Russia relations on a panel entitled "*How Russia and China View Each Other and America: The Perceptions of Students at Elite Universities*". COL Gregory and Dr. Sherlock put forth their findings that indicate most of the students in both Beijing and Moscow do not believe their respective countries share common values and norms that would bind them in durable, deep cooperation. The analysis of the views of these future elites should aid in forecasting the quality and extent of cooperation between the two most important rivals to American influence abroad.

DEPARTMENT: G&EnE

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1. On 19 February, Cadet Madeline Easter will present her research on the "Rwandan Genocide" at the Esri Federal Users Conference in Washington, D.C. This is a collaborative research project between G&EnE and History (Dr. David Frey, Dr. Michael Gehren, COL Chris Oxendine, & LTC Will Wright).
2. On 19 February, cadets enrolled in Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa (EV376) will travel to NYC on a Culture Day to put their knowledge in practice for African Geopolitics. The trip will include a visit to the Middle Eastern Institute at Columbia University where they will receive a lecture on the Middle Eastern Politics. After that they will conduct a tour of Morgan Stanley's offices and receive a lunchtime briefing from the Investment Banks leaders for portfolios in the Middle East and North Africa in order to gain an understanding of how the global world views volatility and economics in the region.
3. On 24 February, 26 cadets currently enrolled in EV379 (Photogrammetry) will be led by Dr. Matt O'Banion (G&EnE) to visit Keystone Aerial Surveys, Inc. located at the Northeast Philadelphia Airport in Pennsylvania. Cadets will spend the day learning about

various aspects of airborne imagery and LIDAR acquisition, explore sensor equipped manned and unmanned aircraft, and gain exposure to data processing and product development techniques.

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1. From 27-31 January, CPT Nathaniel Sheehan (GEnE) attended the Public Health Emergency Management Course in San Antonio, TX. This was a timely course discussing the implications and tactics of the DoD response to a Public Health Emergency like the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (nCoV).

DEPARTMENT: Mathematical Sciences

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1. On 28 February, the Department of Mathematical Sciences will be hosting the Pi Mu Epsilon and Omega Rho Induction Ceremony. During the ceremony, 47 Cadets and 2 Faculty will be inducted.

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1. On 05 February, the Department hosted Dr. Lawrence Udeigwe, an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Manhattan College who presented his talk on “Using a Sensory Neuron to Learn a Dataset.” In this discussion, Dr. Udeigwe presented a unique perspective on datasets – how to approach and perceive them for analytic purposes.

DEPARTMENT: Social Sciences

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DATE: Week of 3 February 2020

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1. 10 February. The Department of Social Sciences will host **Secretary Robert Gates and Retired General Peter Chiarelli** for this year’s Class of 1952 Distinguished Lecture titled, “*American Civil-Military Relations: A Conversation with the Honorable Robert Gates and General (Ret) Peter Chiarelli.*” The lecture will be held in Robinson Auditorium from 1235-1350, to be followed by a reception with members of the Class of 1952, their families, and select faculty and cadets. Secretary Gates and GEN(R) Chiarelli

will also participate in a faculty colloquium in Lincoln Hall for department faculty later that afternoon before departing West Point.

2. 20 February. The Economics Program welcomes **COL Pat Work**, Military Deputy Director DCS G3 PA&E, as a guest lecturer with Leadership Economics. Before his current position, **COL Work** (USMA '95) commanded 2BCT, 82nd Airborne Division followed by time as the XO to the 39th Chief of Staff of the Army. We look forward to rich engagements with this Army senior leader.
3. 26 February. The Department of Social Sciences will conduct the first unit-level **diagnostic Army Combat Fitness Test** of the quarter at USMAPS. Prior to this test, we will have conducted three separate ACFT familiarization and certification events. On 26 February, we will test not only half of SOSH, but 20 military faculty members from across other areas of the directorate and following the test we will share lessons-learned with other departments conducting ACFTs later in the quarter.

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1. 5 February. **Dr. Max Margulies and CPT Mike Robinson** presented their draft chapter, "Conflicting Loyalties and Dissent in Civil-Military Relations," for the forthcoming edited volume from Oxford University Press titled *American Civil-Military Relations Reconsidered: The Military, Politics, and Modern War* at a lunchtime research workshop Wednesday afternoon. After a brief presentation of their main arguments, they fielded questions and quibbles from the gathered faculty. The discussion that followed offered potentially fruitful changes and sharpened their case to nest it more firmly in the foundational civ-mil literature.
2. 3 February. **Dr. Catherine Dale**, Senior Advisor for Strategy at Army Futures Command, participated in a faculty round table in the department. The session drew from the ongoing work of SOSH's AFC team and included the opportunity to ask **Dr. Dale** about AFC's successes, challenges, and the road forward.
3. 3 February. **Ms. Leigh Angers**, the Director of Legislative Affairs at the Congressional Budget Office joined SS480: The Public Policymaking Process, for a guest lecture focusing on multiple traditions in American political development. **Ms. Angers** has been with the CBO since 2007 and has held several important posts in the organization.

DEPARTMENT: WPWP

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1. Upcoming Faculty Writing Group sessions will be held Thurs, 20FEB&05MAR, from 1200-1350 in JH401. The informal open-door group welcomes any faculty or staff member interested in uninterrupted time and friendly space to work on any writing project. Dr. Colleen Eils (Associate Director, WPWP) will be on hand if any writing-related questions arise; all are welcome to join any session for as much or as little time as their schedules allow. The full schedule is [here](https://www.westpoint.edu/academics/curriculum/west-point-writing-program/writing-fellows-program/faculty-support) (<https://www.westpoint.edu/academics/curriculum/west-point-writing-program/writing-fellows-program/faculty-support>). POC: Ms. Wynn Klosky (wynn.klosky@westpoint.edu)
2. On Wednesday, 04MAR, from 2000-2100 in TH144, the WPWP will host “Writing for SOSH,” a workshop designed to help cadets with major writing events in the social sciences, especially for courses like SS202 and SS307. The workshop will be led by Dr. Colleen Eils (WPWP), CPT(P) Mike Robinson (SOSH), and experienced Cadet Writing Fellows. POC: Ms. Wynn Klosky (wynn.klosky@westpoint.edu)
3. In coordination with the Army Talent Management Task Force (ATMTF), Dr. Jason Hoppe (Director, WPWP) and Dr. Colleen Eils (Associate Director, WPWP) are conducting writing assessment for the Battalion Commander Assessment Program (BCAP) at Fort Knox. Writing assessment is one part of the new process for evaluating Army officers for battalion command. POC: Dr. Colleen Eils (colleen.eils@westpoint.edu)

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1. On Tuesday, 04FEB, the WPWP hosted “Writing in MilArt: Crafting Essays with Primary Sources,” a workshop designed to help cadets who were working on papers for HI302. The workshop was led by Cadet Writing Fellow/CIC Helen Schroeder ('20), Cadet Writing Fellow/ACIC Brandi Braggs ('21), CPT Steve Beckman (HIST), and Dr. Colleen Eils (WPWP).